

Jesus prayed to the Father:
"Sanctify them in the truth:
Your word is truth. As you
sent Me into the
world.

I also have sent them into the
world." John 17:17-18

On Belay

Your Ministry
with the
Shaw
Family
in Peru

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To the "rope holders" of the "climbing" team

Hope In Christ

Gustavo woke up on his 17th birthday expecting it to be like any other day. However, when he returned home from school, there was something very special waiting for him, something he had never had before: a birthday cake! His afternoon was spent in celebration and gratitude to God for his life—a new life radically changing for the better, and now full of new hope.

Gustavo is the oldest of five siblings growing up in a remote subsistence farming village located in the Cotahuasi Canyon of southern Peru. Typical of many families there, they live in a simple hut and his parents struggle to provide basic food and clothing. Recently, a small church was started in his village, and now his parents are growing in trusting Jesus and His word. They are also learning that God's plan for their family is centered in the love of Christ and for each other.

Their own village has no secondary school, and so the youth must live



away from home to attend school. A couple of years ago, this family decided to send Gustavo far away to the city (a day's bus ride away) to attend high school, hoping that he would receive better education. So far away, he only saw his mother and father during vacations. Worldly influences and an uncaring environment took their toll on his

character and outlook on life. His parents discovered that he needed them to lovingly guide him in the "way he should go" according to God's word.

Through those difficulties, Gustavo's family prayed for the answer to their dilemma. With only six secondary schools to serve over forty remote villages, other Christian families have also been praying for a home where their children can stay during the school week, and then be with family on weekends and holidays.

Seeing the need, many of the believers persevered in prayer about starting a Christian Youth Home to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the growing association of churches throughout the Cotahuasi Canyon. It all recently came together as the Lord provided an experienced godly couple to run the home. Alberto and Soyla now minister to sixteen boys in a simple rented house. Each student's family helps in meeting some of the costs of the home with eleven dollars per month, a difficulty for most of these very poor families. If unable to pay money, they may give equal value from their farm produce. But this is only a small part of the total cost per person.

Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, Alberto and Soyla teach the youth how trustworthy and pure God's word is. They work with the boys to instill habits and values from Scripture that are glorifying to God and beneficial in their relationships with others. Along with the other church planters and missionaries, we participate in encouraging the children through friendship and Bible teaching. Each boy is responsible for chores during the week and time for homework, recreation, devotions, Bible study, and prayer.

The Christian community is excited about how the Lord is changing these boys and are praying that more youth may be blessed through the ministry. As Soyla said, "We need another home for girls with [house] parents that know how to love these kids. They just haven't known much love."

Most of our team's effort is invested in reaching the lost in the remote villages. Now, we are finding this new, centrally based ministry is providing ways to understand the needs and problems of specific families and to more effectively minister in the remote villages to see churches established there.

We give thanks to God for Johnny, who used to be timid and shy, but is now more confident and knows God has given him many reasons to smile. There's Bryan, who comes from a non-Christian family, but now sees the Christian faith lived out in others. And there's Gustavo, who came to the home from a neglectful situation, rebellious and rude, but who is a changed person now. Happy Birthday Gustavo!

This is really
opening up
opportunities in
reaching out to
whole families
with
The Good News
of Jesus Christ

Thank you for partnering with us and investing in eternal souls for His glory. If you have not yet joined with us in taking the gospel to the La Union Quechua people, please pray about helping these needy youth through participating in the "Christian Youth Home" project. See page two of this letter or visit www.shawfamilyministry.com to learn how.



belay (bi-lā') vb. To make fast a rope, to secure a person at the end of a rope. n. a rock to which a mountaineer anchors himself, or another, by a rope.

Youth Home:

In His timing, the Lord has recently provided a mature godly couple with many years of experience running homes for children and youth! Last school year we began with eight boys staying in a simple, rented house, and this year it has doubled to 16 boys, with plans to begin a girl's home when funds are available. Each



receives three meals a day, the use of a bed, and gets help with their homework. Most importantly they are growing in their understanding of God's word as Alberto and Soyla teach them from the Bible. They return to their villages on the weekends where they help their families with subsistence farming. We look forward to the growing relationships and continuing biblical counseling ministry with the student's families and the opening of a home for girls. Funding for the ministry is greatly needed for food, rent, and sustaining the house parents.

Janelle



Janelle is 23 and now studying Biblical Counseling at The Master's College. To pray and support her in her ministry preparation please write her at: shawja@mail.masters.edu

outreaches depend upon our family's financial support and the help of other churches and friends who participate with us in the ministries. As we travel and share about what the Lord is doing with the Quechua of the Cotahuasi Canyon area, we have these **remaining and pressing funding needs:**

- Youth Ministry Home \$100 x 16 boys = \$1600/mo
- Radio Station and ministry \$580 per month
- Cotahuasi Ministry Center repairs and maintenance = \$300/month
- Shaw's Ministry Work = \$500/month
- Shaw's Support = 1140/month

To learn more about remaining needs and how the funds are used, please visit our web site at www.shawfamilyministry.com. We have again expanded and improved our information online.

Special thanks to Rachel and Janelle for helping to write and edit!

"Home Assignment"

Since April we have been visiting family, friends, and churches, and plan to return to Peru in January. Fredy, Alberto, Santiago, and Jeremias are working full time continuing with the various ministries of radio, discipleship, and Theological Education at the ministry center, and also the Youth Home. Please pray for them as they step out in greater trust while being challenged in new ways.

Cassandra, Aaron, and little Samuel (we are grandparents now) are doing well as they start a challenging and growing time at LaGrange, Wyoming at Frontier School of the Bible. Samuel was born on April 17, 2011. Please pray for them as they prepare for future mission work. They can be contacted at aaron.cassiekieda@gmail.com.

Other needs:

Other ministries continue to effectively open doors of opportunity to communicate the gospel to the Quechua people. The Quechua church planters and ministry

How can I give? "Easier online giving" at our web site www.shawfamilyministry.com or you may simply send your gift of support to the SIM administrative office address noted here on the bottom of this page, with the appropriate project number. The Youth Home # is: PE 91905. Thank You!

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Radio Project #91885
Cotahuasi ministry Center Project #91252
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Thanksgiving and Prayers

Thank Him - for the many precious moments we have had visiting family and friends during our time here in the USA.

Thank Him - for His provision, protection keeping us safe in travels.

Thank Him - for His blessing and enabling Janelle, Cassandra, and Aaron to study this year.

Thank Him - for the blessings of faith and persistence being revealed in the difficult ministries of Fredy, Faustino, Alberto, Alfonzo, Alberto and Soila

Pray - for the Lord's continuing encouragement and provision for our Peruvian coworkers serving with us: Santiago, Fredy, Alberto Cusi, Lorenzo, Faustino, Rosa, Alberto and Soyla.

Pray - for our family's health, energy, and trust in the Lord as we obey Him.

Pray - for Aaron and Cassandra and Janelle as they focus to study and learn more of God's word.

Pray - for the different financial provision needed for our family and ministry



Thank you so much,
Brad, Gina, and
Janelle

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